35 The method of Claim 28 wherein the container in which the mixture is formed comprises at least an inner surface made of a non-polyvinyl chloride material.

- 36. The method of Claim 28 further comprising the step of: transporting the mixture in the container in which the mixture is formed on a conveyor past at least two light sources.
- The method of Claim 28 further comprising the step of: allowing excess methylene blue to leach into the container in which the body fluid is stored after mixture with the methylene blue and further after the irradiation step.
- 38. The method of Claim 28 wherein the light field is generated by at least one array of light emitting diodes.
- 39. The method of Claim 28 wherein the mixture is irradiated by the light field for a cumulative period of at least five minutes.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with the above-identified continuation application. Pursuant to this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-27 have been canceled but newly submitted Claims 28-39 added. This Preliminary Amendment does not add new matter to this application.

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